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In re the Application of

Francis GARNIER

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For: ELECTRICALLY-DRIVEN VALVE COMPRISING A MICROPOROUS MEMBRANE

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

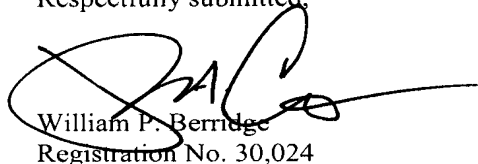
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired December 4, 2009, an extension of time for a period of two months is hereby requested.

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